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- The military guard which was previously and exclusively supplied for the NVA/H Depot by the NVA regiment in Pinnow, was reduced. Since 15 December 1956, additional guard duty is being done by a works police which is also in charge of the fire station.

The ammunition depot at Gorgast was located in the casemates of the former Fort Gorgast of the Kuestrin fortress. It consisted of 6 underground rooms arranged in pairs opposite each other. Stocks consisted of heavy artillery ammunition and hand grenades. No further details could be furnished on the type and quantity of the ammunition. Members of the works police were only allowed to enter the general depot accompanied by a soldier and were forbidden to get off the main road. The ammunition depot had a rectangular shape and was surrounded by a water ditch, 12 m deep. Outside the general depot but inside the 1.90 m high fence, on the road between Gorgast and Manschnow, the billets of the cadre personnel, of the military guard, of the works police and of the administration were located.

The depot was guarded by a military guard and by the works police. The military guard, which consisted of two officers, 4 NCOs and 32 men, had to detail the sentries of the four watch towers, to execute all relevant works in the depot, and to cordon off Gorgast railroad station in the event of loading or unloading operations. The works police had a strength of 14 men, including 1 leader, 1 deputy leader and 12 sentries. It was in charge of the control of personnel and vehicles passing through the outer entry of the depot (Control Point 1) and the entry of the casemates of the ammunition depot (Control Point 2). They worked in three shifts of four men each, including two men at each control point. Sentries were equipped with carbines of type 98-K, the leader and deputy leader wearing 08-pistols.

On 15 January 1957, no information was available on the planned strength

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of military personnel. The actual strength was 4 officers, 6 NCOs and 7 men. In addition, approximately 15 soldiers were detailed for labor services. They were eventually reinforced by soldiers of the guard detail of the regiment at Pinnow. The cadre personnel consisted of the following officers:

Major Dreissig,

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Senior Lieutenant Diekmann,

Senior Lieutenant Aberan,

Lieutenant Freitag, in charge of rations;

and the following NCOs:

1. Storekeeper (sergeant)
2. In charge of the fire brigade (sergeant)
3. In charge of the telephone exchange (sergeant)
4. In charge of personnel affairs (NCO)
5. In charge of finances (master sergeant)
6. In charge of medical equipment (NCO)

and of 7 men employed in the various offices.

#### 5. Fire Protection.

The ammunition was stored in solid casemates covered by earth and surrounded by a wide ditch, the water of which was to be used for fire fighting. No other water supplies and no fire plugs were available. The fire-fighting equipment consisted of a type-800 tank sprayer, a 15 m long extension ladder and a rubber dinghy. Soldiers and the administration were housed in wooden barracks. Each room of the barracks was equipped with 4 to 5 Tetra extinguishers and one bucket sprayer.

#### 6. Air Raid Protection.

No special protective measures against air raids were observed at the ammunition depot at Gorgast.

#### 7. Railroad Siding.

No railroad siding existed at the depot. Ammunition had to be shipped by road to the Gorgast railroad station, a distance of 700 m, or collected from there. It is planned to lay a siding track to the depot in 1957.

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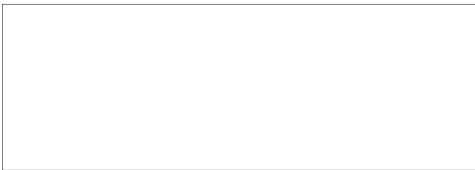
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1. Comment. The present report confirms previous information on the Central Depot of NVA/H. The depot was also designated "Central Material Depot" in another report. According to other reports, Soviet infantry weapons are stored in the depot in addition to ammunition.

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 sketch of the Gorgast ammunition depot, with notations in German designating significant locations and installations shown on the sketch. The sketch is not to scale.

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